

I am a private citizen very concerned with the quality of news coverage and it's decline into commercial content over the past 10 years or so. There is no investigative reporting on political decision-making on the nightly news anymore or in the newspapers. They just seem to be geared toward selling products even within the news itself. There are many 'planted' news stories that are really ads for products or companies. If the airwaves belong to the people, why can't we pass laws that regulate this and ensure that our news gives us reliable information, good investigation of the news, and political information from a variety of points of view. How can we be good citizens and have a democracy if all of our news serves the interests of the big corporate owners of the media. We need to subsidize small, locally controlled and operated news outlets and we also need access to news broadcasts from other countries. The only news I trust anymore is that from England. I would like to have news from Australia, Canada, India, and Japan also. Our news serves only political and corporate interests, and the FCC is not doing it's job when it continues to allow regulations to stifle competition and give ownership of the airwaves to a few large corporations. Now it looks like the big corporations want to gain ownership of all the news sources in one city. This can only act to kill what little competition there is left and rob us of the information we need to preserve and protect our democratic way of life. This is a very dangerous direction, and I hope the FCC will fight against the self-interested media giants to prevent it from happening and return the airwaves to the people of this country.